

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 15, 2020

July 6

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of July 2020.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan.

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Craig Greenwood, David Metz, Jennifer Cunningham, Chrystal Watkins, Dude Watkins, Joyce Hanselman, Brady Foster, Angela foster, Darrell Howard, Tom Wagner, Thomas Buck, Robert Lewellen, Jerry Lewellen.

Officials/County: Jud Barce, County Attorney; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; John Kuiper; Zoning Director; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Sharon Hutchison, Council; Phil Astell, EMA Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Adam requested COVID-19 to be added to the agenda. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Brian Jordan requested explanation of 2 claims. EMA claim to Will Holycross for a Ham Radio Repeater. Astell explained the repeater was purchased from Holycross due to the savings in funds rather than new. Weston-Hubner explained the LionsHead claim was from Judge Reece for masks.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the June 15, 2020 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 thru July 6, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the June 19, 2020 and July 2, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - f. Highway Department – Herndon presented a bid from Patriot Engineering for geo technical boarding of 975N in the amount of \$10,275. The boarding will determine if paving, chip/seal, etc. are possible with the existing road issues. Herndon presented a proposal from Reith Riley for Boulevard Road in the amount of \$139,462 which is 4" paving. Mr. Eberhardt, as discussed in previous meetings, will reimburse the county. Clay Andrews made a motion to enter a contract on 4" paving of Boulevard Road proposed at \$139,462 to be reimbursed by Eberhardt Heating and Cooling with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to accept the bid from Patriot Engineering with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Hobough presented a change to the Highway Policy Manual concerning the use of comp time rather than overtime to save funds in 2021. The 2021 budget was reduced from \$25,000 to \$5,000. This will allow highway employees to accumulate 80 hours of comp time rather than 40 and carry over 40 hours year to year. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the changes to the Overtime/Comp time Policy with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - g. Community Crossing Grant 2020 Bid Opening – The agenda has 2021 and should be 2020 as per the advertisement of the bid request. Hobough explained Moore Hill Road, Kramer, Kramer Road, 225E, 350N/Black Rock Road and west 3rd Street West Lebanon. Hobough opened a bid from Reith Riley with correct bid paperwork in the amount of \$948,221.93. Hobough opened a bid from Milestone with correct paperwork in the amount of \$1,077,216.00. The County portion of approximately \$325,000 will be taken from the Economic Development Fund. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept the CCG 2020 bid from Reith Riley with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Hobough explained the CCG 2021 has been put on hold.
 - h. Rezoning Ordinance for Liquid Feed Transport – Jud Barce explained this will change 4 acres located at 7262 W US Hwy 136 from AG1 to C1. The Area Plan Commission made a favorable recommendation. Kuiper explained the location. Mr. Wagner, Liquid Feed Transport Inc, explained they are in the process of moving the office to the location and has approval from INDOT for a driveway off US Hwy 136. Clay made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-0706A rezoning of parcel on US Hwy 136 from AG1 to C1 with as second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - i. Vacating of Street, Kerr – Jordan explained the request. Several community members and adjoining property owners spoke with concerns, request to leave road in current condition, etc. Jordan suggested a gate with key to each landowner and leave the road as a temporarily closed. Many opposed the idea. Barce explained the easement possibility that would transfer with the land. Many opposed the easement. Andrews stated he drove the road and it is not in very good condition. Hutchison inquired about legal issues for the County. Barce explained it is posted travel at own risk so no liability to County. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to deny the Ordinance #2020-0706B and remain temporarily closed with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. Vacating of Street, Bulington – Ingrid Barce explained there have been no objections to the request from Bulington to vacate streets/alleys through her property in the town of independence with streets. All abutting land owners have agreed to the vacating. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-0706B Vacating of Alleys with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - k. COVID-19 – Clay Andrews inquired about the need to revisit the COVID-19 orders and ordinances. Jud Barce will review and get back with the Commissioners.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Surplus Equip – The surplus equipment ordinance was discussed. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-0706C with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Rusty Hart, sheriff – Hart explained the request from MJ electric for additional traffic and patrol support in the construction zone on State Road 63. MJ Electric will pay the county to reimburse for overtime wages, payroll taxes and mileage for deputies. Hart and Barce have sent an agreement to MJ Electric for review and presented the agreement to the Commissioners for approval. Barce explained the agreement must be signed by each side prior to work beginning. Adam Hanthorne made a motion on approve the public/private agreement for work zone and traffic law enforcement services with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- b. Brian Jordan – Commissioners discussed an ordinance to have petitioner pay fees incurred when requesting vacating of alley/streets. Ingrid explained the information concerning the petitioners paying. Tabled until next meeting.
- c. Fire Dept Contracts – Weston-Hubner explained the contracts are being reviewed currently.
- d. Adam Hanthorne – Inquired concerning the calendar on the county website that was agreed to previously. Jordan explained 24/7 is currently working on this project.
- e. Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor, explained Bridge #66 opening has been delayed due to previously agreed to repairs that were not done. Jordan further explained cracks that needed repaired. Herndon and Leo Rumschlag of Janssen Spaans inspected the work and the needed repairs were discovered.

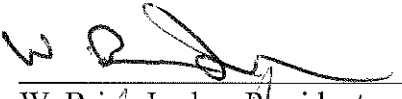
6. Public Comment: No comments.

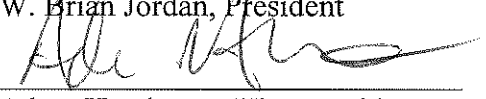
Next Commissioner meeting July 20, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews